

SECURITY INFORMATION

TOP SECRET

FEB 19 1952

General Walter Bedell Smith
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

I am attaching a copy of a letter from Mr. Berger which sets forth certain views of Mr. Harriman which grew out of the discussion of PSB D-14/b, "Psychological Operations Plan for the Reduction of Communist Power in France", at the last meeting. This letter should be noted in connection with the consideration at Thursday's meeting of the Under Secretary of State's written observations on this paper submitted at the ninth meeting and included in the minutes of that meeting.

My own thoughts are that Mr. Webb's remarks, taken together with Mr. Harriman's suggestions, present a desirable further explanation of the above observations. In order to record this explanation, I suggest that the Board adopt the following resolution based on Mr. Webb's and Mr. Harriman's suggestions:

"Resolved: The Board's approval of PSB D-14/b, as amended, is with the understanding that the specific actions set forth in that paper are permissive rather than mandatory, and are to be carried out in the discretion of the Ambassador and the Department of State. However, the fact that these actions are permissive in no way detracts from the Board's position: first, that the continued strength of the Communist movement in France is a source of serious concern to the United States, which it intends to make clear to the French Government at every appropriate occasion; second, that the United States will make a determined effort to reduce this strength through the courses of action set forth in PSB D-14/b, as amended."

Sincerely yours,

25X1A

Director

Enclosure:

25X1A

Copy of Ltr from Mr. Berger
to [] dtd 2/12/52

SECURITY INFORMATION

TOP SECRET